

Retiring DDCT Employees Given Big Send-Off

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Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) bid farewell to many longtime employees on April 29, 2002. At a retirement luncheon, hosted by the DDCT Commander, LTC Teodoro Velazquez, USA, at the NAS Corpus Christi Bay Club, family, friends and co-workers came together to celebrate the contributions retiring employees—Martha Gloria, Luis Martinez, Johnny McCoy, Amador Perez, Ramon Lopez, Juan Martinez, Abel Rios, Virginia Dolan, Homer Martinez, Juan Rodriguez, Jeff Kuykendall and Genaro Espinoza—have made over the years to the DDCT mission and more importantly, to our ultimate customer, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in the field who count on our support.

LTC Velazquez presented each retiring employee a present and a certificate of recognition for service to their country. He also presented their spouses a certificate of recognition for their support.



DDCT retirees will be missed.

Some DDCT employees were offered incentives for early retirement. The twelve people who chose to accept this offer occupied key positions throughout the Center. To say they will be missed is an understatement. Each made significant contributions to the mission.

LTC Velazquez, on behalf of the workforce, wished them “God’s speed” and continued success in their future endeavors.

DDCT Gets State-of-the-Art Sideloader

To support the Army’s helicopter repair mission, Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas (DDCT) stores both serviceable and unserviceable helicopter blades, tailbooms and other large helicopter components. In the past, when movement of these components was required, even if it was only one item, the DDCT’s flatbed truck had to be summoned along with forklifts to load and unload the truck. When forklifts were used for movement of blades to the main operations building, the number of blades moved at one time had to be limited to maintain sufficient visibility for the forklift driver. Both processes, while adequate to accomplish the task, were cumbersome and an inefficient use of both manpower and equipment.

DDCT resolved these concerns with the acquisition of a Fantuzzi Model SF 40 U Sidelift. The sideloader feature resolved the visibility problems previously experienced. That, along with increased maneuverability and the added load capacity of up to 8,800 pounds and lift height of 157 inches, provided the capability for one person using one piece of equipment to safely and efficiently move any number of items required.

DDCT took delivery on January 23, 2002, and put it into action immediately. The DDCT workforce enthusiastically received the new Fantuzzi Sidelift due, at least in part, to its enclosed and heated driver’s compartment — a must for the brutal South Texas winters!

